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SUBJ: 55TH ECOSOC: ITEM 4-REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

1. IN SURPRISE MOVE AT PLANNED FINAL MEETING ECON COMMITTEE, BRAZIL AND FOUR G-77 CO-SPONSORS INTRODUCED BRIEF RESOLUTION STATING THAT COUNCIL UNABLE EXAMINE RECOMMENDATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE RE TARGETS AND RECOMMENDING THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDER S&T RECOMMENDATION RE TARGETS IN CONJUNCTION WITH REVIEW AND APPRAISAL REPORT.

2. TACTIC INTRODUCTION SUCH ITEM AFTER APPROVAL OF WORKING PAPER DEPLORED IN STRONG TERMS BY MANY DELEGATIONS INCLUDING PARTICULARLY U.S. WHICH POINTED OUT THAT WORKING GROUP HAD IN EFFECT EXAMINED THIS ISSUE AT LENGTH IN COURSE OF THIS MEETING. THIS FACT WELL KNOWN TO AT LEAST SOME SPONSORS. ALSO FINDING THAT RECOMMENDATION YO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALLY UNNECESSARY SINCE ANY DELEGATION FREE TO REOPEN ANY ISSUE IN ANY PARA OF THE REPORT. FRANCE, UK, ITALY, CANADA AND US ALL STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE PROCEDURE AND FOUND RESOLUTION UNNECESSARY AND WERE PREPARED TO VOTE ON ISSUE. FACED WITH THIS OPPOSITION CO-SPONSORS DELETED REFERENCE TO INABILITY ECOSOC TO HANDLE TARGET ISSUE AND CONVERTED RESOLUTION TO COUNCIL DECISION.

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MATTER WAS PUT TO VOTE AT MIDNIGHT BUT HELD UP ON POINT OF

ORDER WITH DISCOVERY THAT NO QUORUM PRESENT. AT THAT TIME  
OUTCOME MUCH IN DOUBT WITH FAIRLY EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE  
IN FAVOR, AGAINST AND ABSTAINING.

3. AT AM SESSION 10 AUGUST VOTE WAS TAKEN 27 IN FAVOR OF  
DECISION, 8 IN OPPOSITION AND 2 ABSTENTIONS. EXPLANATIONS  
OF VOTE INCLUDED THOSE OF JAPAN, DENMARK, NEW ZEALAND AND  
NETHERLANDS WHO VOTED IN FAVOR BUT MADE CLEAR THAT THIS WAS  
ON PROCEDURAL BASIS ONLY AND THAT ACTION IN NO WAY INDICATED  
POSITION THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WHICH WAS TO OPPOSE  
QUANTITATIVE TARGETS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THEY AND  
OTHER SPEAKERS WHO HAD OPPOSED THE DECISION DEPLORED LATE  
INTRODUCTION OF THE PROPOSAL AND EFFECT ON SPIRIT OF CONSENSUS  
AS GUIDELINE FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. IN POINTED COMMENT  
UK REP SAID CO-SPONSORS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO NOTE WELL  
THE COMMENTS OF MANY INCLUDING THOSE SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED  
DECISION WHO DEPLORED THE TACTIC EMPLOYED.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE FORCING THE PROPOSAL TO DISCUSSION AND  
VOTE WAS GOOD LONG RUN TACTIC IN SERVING NOTICE SOME G-77  
DELS THAT SUCH TACTICS WOULD BE CHALLENGED, IN GAINING STATE-  
MENTS FOR RECORD THAT DECISION HAD "PROCEDURAL" INTENT ONLY,  
AND RE-FFIRMING FAIRLY SOLID VIEWS WESTERN DONORS RE CONTINUED  
OPPOSITION TO TARGETS.

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